

STATEMENT

An interview with Mr. Snader and Mr. Brophy, tavern owners who were about three miles east of the crash site, on the morning of 17 November 1955, revealed that they probably observed this aircraft just prior to the crash. They stated that a four-engine aircraft passed over their position early on the morning of 17 November 1955. The aircraft sounded like the engines were turning fast and possibly as if it were climbing. They further stated that they could see the aircraft for a few seconds through a break in the cloud layers and that it was on a westerly heading and appeared lower than normal for four-engine aircraft flying in that area. They could not establish the time of their observation, nor a reference time to judge the approximate time. They stated that the weather was quite cloudy with occasional snow flurries. The altitude of their tavern is approximately 7500 feet.

The above is certified to be true and accurate to the best of my memory and belief.



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